Land available for Housing Projects in Delhi

320. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land likely to be made available for the housing projects in Delhi with the repeal of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 and

(b) what steps have, so far, been taken to enforce the said Act and how much land has been released in the process?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that approximately 400 hectares of land will be available for housing and infrastructure development following the repeal of the Act. However, the exact availability of land for housing projects will be determined on the basis of Land Use in the Master Plan, Building Bye-Laws and other regulations in force. The Act automatically stands enforced in Delhi after the repeal of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

WTO agreement on Agriculture

1834. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WTO agreement on agriculture is scheduled to be reviewed in the year 2000;

(b) whether the perceptions and interests of the developed and under-developed countries are at divergence;

(c) whether there is a need to protect the interests of our country against decisions detrimental to our interest; and

(d) if so, what are the Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) In terms of Article 20 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, members have agreed that negotiations for continuing the reform process in trade in agriculture will be initiated one year before the end of the implementation period, which ends at the end of the year 2000. This implies that negotiations on